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Police body cameras to record eviction

Oppenheimer Park. Police expected to dismantle tent city housing homeless on Wednesday

Vancouver police officers will be equipped with body-worn cameras for the first time when they enforce a court order demanding the homeless camp at Oppenheimer Park be vacated Wednesday night.

Police Chief Jim Chu made the announcement Tuesday, saying the move is intended to ensure public safety and guard against possible allegations of police brutality.

"In order to help the Oppenheimer Park encampment end peacefully and safely for everybody, Vancouver police officers for the first time will be wearing body-worn video in a public place," said Chu, who stressed the department has been using handheld and pole-mounted video for years.

"There have been times when we've had a video produced that has not shown the whole context of what occurred. It showed officers using force, but they did not show what led up to it. So we think having the video prior to the use of force will be helpful.

"But also we think the body-worn video will prevent people from acting in a difficult or violent manner. We believe people will behave better when they know they're being recorded."

Chu said the VPD will have a "sufficient" presence as city staff enforce the order demanding that all structures, tents and objects at the Downtown Eastside park be removed by 10 p.m.

Arrests will be made only as a last resort, the chief said.

Pivot Legal Society lawyer DJ Larkin, who represented campers in court, said that while she supports body-worn cameras on police for accountability purposes, she questions whether their rollout in this case is appropriate.

"This is not a policing issue," she said of the Oppenheimer Park injunction. "This isn't Occupy Vancouver or other protests — these are people's homes and it will likely be a destabilizing experience for many of them."

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Jennifer Duncan estimates there are anywhere from 100 to 200 homeless people at the camp, which was established in July.

She granted the city's application for an injunction last week, but she gave seven days notice so staff would have time to provide outreach to the campers and attempt to transition them into shelters and housing.

However, Larkin says many campers had yet to be contacted by city staff as of Tuesday.

"That's why we asked for more time. It takes considerable time and effort to do effective outreach," said Larkin. "There are still a lot of tents there. I hope the city doesn't try (to shut down the camp) during a short period of time at night."

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Const. John Braithwaite demonstrates the body-worn camera equipment that some Vancouver police officers will use for the first time, while enforcing an injunction order at Oppenheimer Park on Wednesday. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

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Data breach puts 15,000 B.C. wildfire fighters' info at risk

Information leaks. A hacker accessed the Wildfire Management Branch database for up to two hours last month

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Fire crews load up a helicopter at the Pemberton Fire Tech Base in 2013. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Thousands of people who signed up to fight B.C.'s wildfires in the past decade may have to battle identity theft after a hacker breached the provincial database containing their personal information.

The Wildfire Management Branch database containing the personal information of 15,000 seasonal fire crew job applicants was accessed for up to two hours around midnight on Sept. 24 by a hacker apparently accessing the Internet in Estonia, the branch announced Tuesday.

Leaked information included the name, gender, contact information, address, date of birth, driver's licence number, job evaluation information and identification as an Aboriginal, minority or person with disabilities.

Only a person's name and one other of those pieces of information is needed to spark privacy concerns.

Employees discovered the breach on Sept. 29, but it took three weeks to notify the public because the province had to figure out exactly what information was accessed and develop a plan to help those affected, said Brian Simpson, executive director of the wildfire management branch.

"We're extremely disappointed that this occurred, and we're going to do everything possible to protect individuals that may have been impacted," Simspon said. "We know that in this day and age it seems it happens all too often."

The province has budgeted $350,000 to douse the problem, Simpson said. It's offering free credit protection services for anyone affected and is staffing a hotline to answer questions.

Simpson said he believes the attack was isolated to the single database. The information technology department is reviewing how security was breached and will look into any measures to stop it from happening again, he said.

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner was notified and is working on the problem with the Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Anyone affected by the breach — the 15,000 people who applied for or worked for the Wildfire Management Branch since 2004 — is asked to call 1-844-456-2284 for more information.

B.C. approves environmental assessment for Site C dam

An artist's rendering of the proposed Site C dam. COURTESY B.C. HYDRO

The British Columbia government has approved an environmental assessment certificate for the massive $7.9-billion Site C hydroelectric dam on the Peace River.

Environment Minister Mary Polak and Forests and Lands Minister Steven Thomson issued a joint statement saying that the Site C dam is in the public interest and the benefits outweigh the risks of adverse environmental, social and heritage effects.

In a brief news conference Polak said she believed there had been adequate consultations with aboriginal groups. Polak said the government has yet to decide to proceed with the project.

The minister said she could not pre-judge the what the cabinet would decide.

The environmental certificate comes with 77 legally binding conditions that the Crown utility B.C. Hydro must meet in order to build the dam.

Among the conditions are that a $20-million dollar compensation fund be established for lost agricultural lands and activities, the development of an aboriginal business participation plan, and that protocols be set up to mitigate adverse effects to wildlife and its habitat.

The federal government still needs to issue an environmental certificate and the final decision would have to be made by the provincial government by November.

The dam would produce 1,100 megawatts of capacity every year, enough to power about 450,000 homes.

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Man assaults Tim's employee with hot soup

Abbotsford.
Potential charge of assault with a weapon

A disgruntled Tim Hortons customer threw hot soup on the face of the Abbotsford coffee shop's manager on Sunday after complaining about the lettuce and tomato on his sandwich, leading to his arrest and a potential charge of assault with a weapon.

The 42-year-old Abbotsford man ordered a soup and sandwich to go from the shop in the 32700 block of South Fraser Way around 1:15 p.m., but returned to the restaurant a few minutes later to complain about the sandwich, Abbotsford police spokesman Const. Ian MacDonald said Tuesday.

The manager was trying to deal with the man's anger when the man threw the soup on her face, neck and chest, resulting in minor burns.

"She was just trying to figure out what the problem was and doing her best to rectify it," MacDonald said. "He literally was upset about lettuce and tomatoes. To commit an assault over lettuce and tomatoes ... just unbelievable."

A witness called police with the licence plate number of the vehicle the man drove away in, eventually leading to his arrest at his Abbotsford home.

Police are recommending a charge of assault with a weapon. The man has a dated criminal history with convictions for assault with a weapon, and break, enter and theft. He was released and is scheduled to appear in court within six weeks. **EMILY JACKSON/METRO**

The alleged assault occurred at a Tim Hortons in the 32700 block of South Fraser Way. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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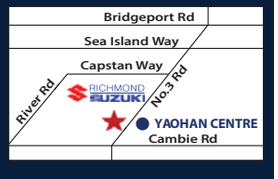

Classified con. Man robbed at gunpoint in Craigslist deal gone wrong: Police

A New Westminster man who tried to buy a laptop from a Craigslist ad was instead robbed at gunpoint when he showed up to complete the deal, prompting Mounties to warn the public about the hazards of social media.

The 28-year-old man agreed through text messages with the seller to pay $600 for a MacBook, which he was to pick up in a public place in North Vancouver's Edgemont area on Friday at 8 p.m., according to a statement from North Vancouver RCMP.

But when he arrived at the meeting spot, two men confronted him. One pulled a handgun on him and robbed him of a total of $675 in cash before the pair fled on foot.

The victim called police, who located the suspect shortly afterward.

A 19-year-old man was arrested for robbery and possession of a controlled substance. Police also recovered a fake handgun. The teen spent the weekend in jail and was scheduled to appear in court Tuesday.

"Because anyone can post on a social media site, you should be extra cautious when dealing with a complete stranger," Cpl. Richard De Jong said in the statement. "You really don't know who you may be dealing with." **EMILY JACKSON/METRO**

Infection control

B.C. prepared for possible Ebola patient: Health officer

British Columbia's medical health officer says current infection-control guidelines are appropriate and that the province is prepared in the event that someone tests positive for Ebola.

However, Dr. Perry Kendall says the infection of a health-care worker in Texas calls for B.C. hospitals to reassess infection control practices.

Kendall says health officials need to assure medical professionals on the front line of such an outbreak that they will have the tools needed to protect themselves and feel comfortable in using them.

His statement comes after the B.C. Nurses Union sent a letter to the head of Vancouver Coastal Health telling her that the authority wasn't ready to respond to any cases of Ebola. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Warning issued

31 overdose on potent heroin

Toxic heroin has resulted in 31 overdoses in two days at Vancouver's safe injection site — believed to be a record for the facility that opened 11 years ago.

Gavin Wilson, a spokesman for Vancouver Coastal Health, said 15 people overdosed at Insite on Monday, and there were 16 overdoses on Sunday.

Wilson says that this year, contaminated heroin has caused 10 to 12 overdoses a week at the facility where users inject their own drugs under the watchful eye of a nurse.

The Vancouver Police Department issued a warning to drug users on Sunday, when a dozen people had overdosed on potent heroin. Police believed the death of one woman was related to the drug.

Coroner Barb McLintock says that toxicology tests have yet to confirm the cause of death. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

False Creek. Tourist and his dog pulled to safety after driving into water

An elderly German tourist and his dog are recovering after he accidentally drove down a boat launch ramp into the waters of False Creek on Monday night.

Police said the 81-year-old driver was visiting his daughter, who is studying in Vancouver. He was headed downtown when he ended up in the Vanier Park parking lot.

"It was a dark night and it was raining," police spokesman Const. Brian Montague told reporters on Tuesday. "He got a bit disoriented and confused and drove down the boat launch at Vanier Park."

A witness walking by called 911 and when emergency crews arrived, Montague said only the back of the car was visible.

Officers swam to the car and smashed the car's windows, allowing the dog to swim out.

"Just as the car went fully underwater, our officers managed to pull the 81-year-old to safety," Montague said. "The dog was also pulled out of the water after that."

Montague said the driver was taken to hospital and the dog to a local emergency animal clinic. Both have since been released and are doing well, he said.

Five officers were also checked out by paramedics and taken to police headquarters to warm up, Montague said. None of the officers were injured, although some lost personal items during the rescue. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

Surrey. McCallum leads polls in mayor's race, but nearly half still undecided

Doug McCallum leads the race to become Surrey's next mayor, but most voters remain undecided, according to a new poll

Insights West released the results of its latest online survey of Surrey residents on Tuesday, showing that McCallum is in first place among decided voters with 40 per cent support.

Surrey First hopeful Linda Hepner is second with 32 per cent, followed by One Surrey candidate Barinder Rasode with 21 per cent, John Edwards (seven per cent) and Vikram Bajwa (one per cent).

But nearly half of poll respondents — 48 per cent — admit they remain undecided a month before the Nov. 15 election.

Forty-nine per cent of respondents said they are either following the campaign "not too closely" or "not closely at all."

Safe Surrey Coalition's McCallum was mayor for three terms between 1996 and 2005 before losing the seat to Surrey First's Dianne Watts, who intends to get into federal politics and is not seeking re-election.

Crime remains the most important issue in the city, according to 55 per cent of respondents.

That number is up 10 points since the same survey was conducted by Insights West in July. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Spawning sockeye salmon coming through with flying colours

Spawning sockeye salmon are seen making their way up the Adams River in Roderick Haig-Brown Provincial Park near Chase, B.C., on Tuesday. Salmon are completing a journey of several hundred kilometres from the Pacific Ocean over the next couple of weeks to spawn. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Watchdog group says cops shot man who set off 5-day manhunt

Slocan. Peter DeGroot died Monday after being hit during exchange of gunfire with police

British Columbia's police watchdog has confirmed that a man who set off a five-day police search was shot and killed in a confrontation with two members of the emergency response team.

Peter DeGroot died Monday, days after police say he exchanged gunfire with them in the small southeastern community of Slocan.

Owen Court, a spokesman for the Independent Investigations Office, says DeGroot was hit by a gunshot during the interaction with two officers.

He says a firearm was found at the scene.

Court says an IIO team, including three investigators and a forensic specialist, were on the scene.

RCMP said Monday that the confrontation occurred when officers came upon DeGroot in a cabin on Monday afternoon.

Police told residents in the community to stay inside after the shooting, warning them that the man they were looking for was armed and dangerous.

Neighbours reported DeGroot had fallen on hard times and was scared about being evicted from his modest property.

They said he kept to himself, and was usually only seen tending a rag-tag bunch of farm animals.

Resident Mimi Gillis was queried by police in their search, and said she mostly felt they were doing a good job.

"But we didn't need armoured tanks — trucks like a Brink's truck, only more beefed up," she said. "It was overkill. It was good to have all the undercover cops, the helicopters and the tracking dogs and the infrared and men up the mountain, going through the mountain like (with) a fine-tooth comb." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Court of Appeal. Province points finger at teachers' union's refusal to budge

A lawyer for the B.C. government told an appeal court panel that the province's stand against restoring clauses over classroom size and composition is no more inflexible than the union's refusal to offer any alternatives.

In an opening statement to the B.C. Court of Appeal, government lawyer Karen Horsman says good faith requires both parties to present alternatives, something the B.C. Teachers' Federation hasn't done in over a decade.

The province is attempting to overturn Justice Susan Griffin's ruling in the lower court last January that ruled removing clauses from the teachers' contract was unconstitutional.

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Rallying point

Last January's legal victory for the union was a rallying point during the protracted teachers' strike.

Across B.C.

Eight dead after separate crashes

It was a deadly Thanksgiving long weekend on British Columbia's roads, with eight people dying from separate crashes across the province.

Police say two people are dead following a five-vehicle crash on Monday afternoon that shut down parts of Highway 10 in Delta, south of Vancouver.

The cause of the accident has yet to be determined, but Acting Sgt. Sarah Swallow with Delta police says it appears a vehicle lost control and crossed into oncoming traffic.

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NPA's LaPointe reveals plan to create LNG jobs

NPA mayoral candidate Kirk LaPointe (left) is seen in CRAB Park on Tuesday. He is joined by NPA candidates for council Melissa De Genova and Ken Low (front), school board candidate Stacy Robertson (back left) and park board candidate Casey Crawford. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Mayoral candidate. Says he would work with province to build up resource sector

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The Non-Partisan Association revealed four major pillars of its economic and housing platforms on Tuesday, marking the one-month countdown to the Nov. 15 election with some ideas that set it apart from the incumbent Vision Vancouver.

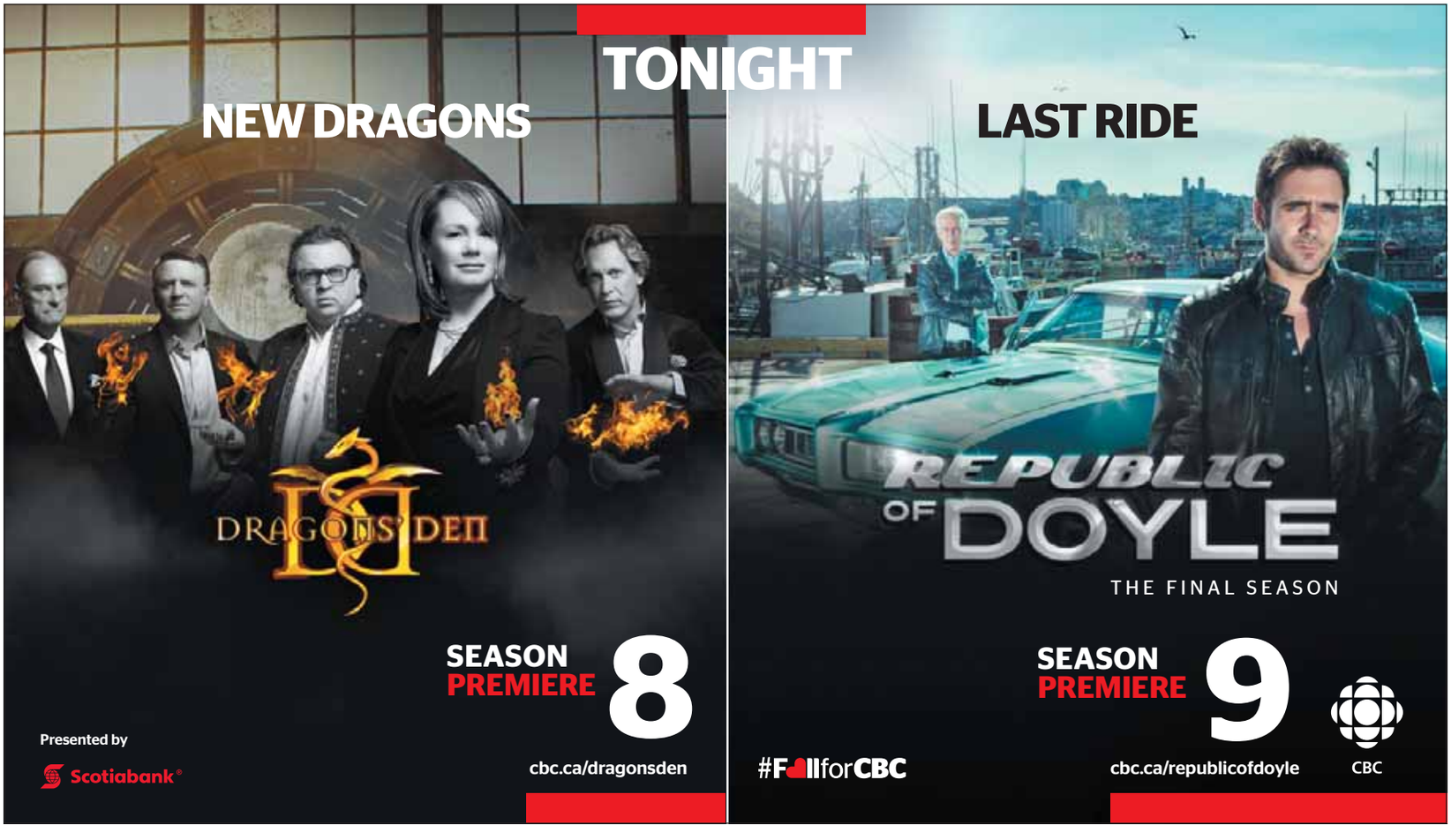
NPA mayoral candidate Kirk LaPointe held a news conference in front of the port to announce plans to work with the province to attract liquefied natural gas (LNG) headquarters to Vancouver instead of Alberta and to tout his support for the province's resource sector.

LaPointe said he wants responsible resource development and is proud of the resource economy.

While B.C.'s LNG plans hinge on giant gas corporations such as Malaysia's Petronas that would be unlikely to relocate to Vancouver, the vocal support for resources distinguishes LaPointe from Mayor Gregor Robertson, who is focused on attracting tech and clean energy jobs under his party's greenest city plan.

LaPointe also outlined the NPA's plans to revitalize a city-wide plan after consulting with neighbourhoods. He believes this will create more housing for seniors and families, although he did not detail exactly how. He said he doesn't want to dictate.

LaPointe would also start a study on the impact of foreign real estate ownership. (The city's new housing agency is already doing this.) LaPointe's final pillar is to revamp negotiations between developers and the city over community amenity contributions.



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NDP vows to add 1 million $15-a-day daycare spaces

Eight-year program. Plan would cost feds $5 billion yearly, announces Mulcair

An NDP government would spend $5 billion a year to create a million daycare spaces that parents could access for no more than $15 a day, Tom Mulcair promised Tuesday.

A full year ahead of the next scheduled federal election, the NDP leader unveiled a cornerstone of his party's platform: creation of a national, affordable child-care program, to be phased in over eight years.

The announcement had all the trappings of a campaign event, with Mulcair delivering the news in the playground of a community daycare as children cavorted behind him, in full view of television cameras.

"For us it's a priority to create these affordable child-care spaces across the country," Mulcair said.

The proposal is the second platform plank New Democrats have unveiled this fall as they attempt to re-establish that they, not the resurgent Liberals, are the real government-in-waiting.

Mulcair argued that a national child-care program would "more than pay for itself," allowing more women to enter the workforce, boosting economic growth and tax revenue and reducing the number of single mothers on social assistance — while ensuring kids get off to a good start in life.

"It's something that we can't afford not to do."

In the first term of an NDP government, Mulcair is promising to negotiate deals with the provinces, which would pick up 40 per cent of the cost while the feds paid the rest.

The goal would be to provide daycare at $15 a day, although Mulcair did not say that would be a hard and fast cap. Over the first four years, the annual federal contribution would ramp up from $290 million to $1.9 billion, creating or helping maintain almost 800,000 child care spaces.

Over the second four years, the annual federal contribution would grow to $5 billion. Once fully phased in, Mulcair said the program would support or maintain creation of one million daycare spaces.

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A youngster plays as NDP leader Thomas Mulcair holds a news conference at a daycare in Ottawa on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brazeau. Court orders suspended senator to two months of rehab

A Quebec court has ordered suspended senator Patrick Brazeau to go to rehab for two months after he was arrested Monday for allegedly being drunk behind the wheel of a parked car with a knife in the vehicle.

Crown attorney Sylvain Petitclerc says Brazeau will be released Wednesday into the care of a rehabilitation facility in Sherbrooke, Que.

Brazeau faces three charges — two related to being behind the wheel of a car while impaired, and a third for possessing a weapon in breach of his bail conditions.

Petitclerc says he'll remain in rehab until Dec. 8, the date of his next court appearance on the latest charges, but his therapy may continue for up to two years.

The senator spent the night in custody after a police officer who spotted Brazeau alone in a car reported smelling alcohol on his breath and finding a knife in the car.

Gatineau police spokesman Const. Pierre Lanthier says Brazeau was arrested after he blew twice the legal limit during a roadside breathalyzer test. Police say he also failed a second breathalyzer test at the police station.

Patrick Brazeau
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The car has been impounded for 30 days, and Brazeau's licence has been suspended for 90 days.

Lanthier said he didn't know if the car belonged to Brazeau or to someone else.

This is Brazeau's second trip to rehab in recent months. Earlier this year, he completed a stint at a rehabilitation facility in Saint-Andre-d'Argenteuil, Que. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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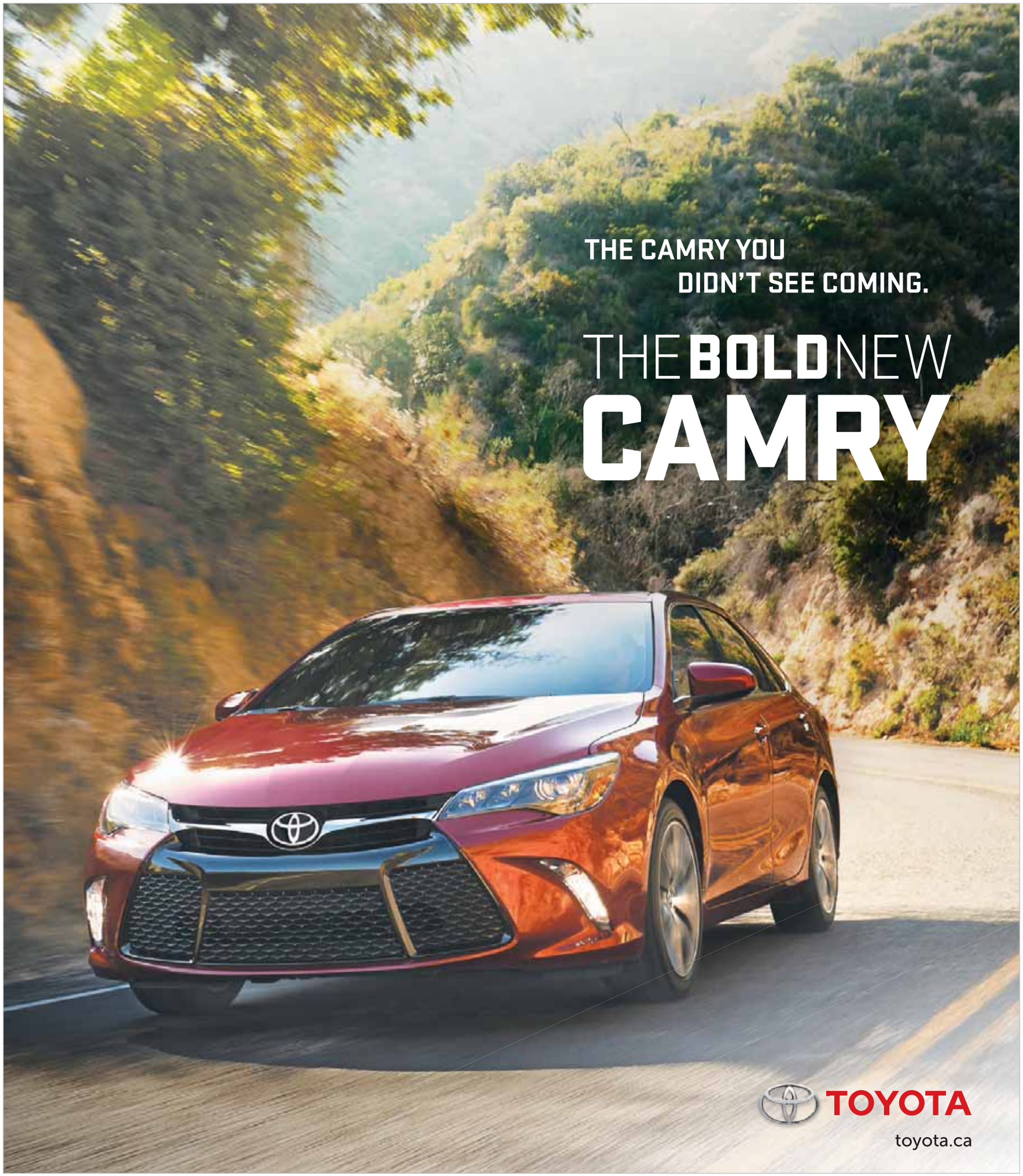
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Plain packaging for tobacco 'logical next step'

The Canadian Cancer Society says plain packaging for tobacco products is a "logical next step" to curb tobacco marketing and save lives.

In a report released Tuesday, the society urges Health Canada to follow Australia and other countries by implementing plain packaging.

Such packaging means tobacco company colours, logo and design elements are not allowed. Health warnings would still appear on plain packages.

The society says data from Australia shows smoking has fallen sharply since plain olive brown packaging was introduced in December 2012.

Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and France are all in the process of requiring plain packaging.

Rob Cunningham, a senior policy analyst at the society, says cigarette packages "should not be mini-billboards promoting tobacco use."

"Plain packaging is an important and logical next step for Canada to curb tobacco marketing, reduce smoking and save lives." THE CANADIAN PRESS

An Australian mock-up of a proposed cigarette package with the banding removed and graphic health warnings displayed is pictured in 2010. DEPT. OF HEALTH AND AGING/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Exposure of kids to e-cig nicotine rises

The drug. It comes in brightly coloured refill packages and an array of candy flavours

Poison control workers say that as the e-cigarette industry has boomed, the number of children exposed to the liquid nicotine that gives hand-held vaporizing gadgets their kick also has spiked.

More than 2,700 people have called poison control this year to report an exposure to liquid nicotine, over half of those cases in children younger than 6, according to national statistics. The number shows a sharp rise from only a few hundred total cases just three years ago.

The battery-powered electronic vaporizers often resemble traditional cigarettes and work by heating liquid nicotine into an inhalable mist. The drug comes in brightly coloured refill packages and an array of candy flavours that can make it attractive to young children, heightening the exposure risk and highlighting the need for users to keep it away from youngsters.

"With kids, the exposure we're seeing is usually parents or family members leave out refill bottles that they try and open," said Ashley Webb, director of the Kentucky Regional Poison Control Center.

Poison control workers often see a spike in calls with new and growing products, Webb said. The number of e-cigarette users has climbed to several million worldwide, and the devices have become the centre of an industry that has grown in the last four years from about $82 million to $2.5 billion in annual sales, at least $500 million of which comes from liquid nicotine.

Daniel Pettley exhales vapor as he demonstrates the use of his electronic cigarette, at Salt Lake Vapors, in Salt Lake City. Poison control workers say that as the e-cigarette industry has boomed, the number of children exposed to the liquid nicotine, seen in inset, is also spiking. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Despite the recent increase, liquid nicotine exposures are still less than half of traditional cigarettes, but e-juice is potentially more toxic, said Robert Bassett, a medical toxicologist in Philadelphia.

"It would be really hard for a child to eat a whole pack of cigarettes, but now we're dealing with these very, very concentrated forms you get more than a pack of cigarettes in a small, ingestible amount," Bassett said.

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Police expel protesters from Hong Kong tunnel

Pro-democracy movement. Clearance operation the latest in tit-for-tat actions between authorities and demonstrators

Hundreds of Hong Kong police officers moved in early Wednesday to clear pro-democracy protesters out of a tunnel outside the city government headquarters in the latest escalation of tensions in a weeks-long political crisis.

Officers, many of them in riot gear and wielding pepper spray, tore down barricades and concrete slabs around the underpass.

The operation came hours after a large group of protesters blockaded the tunnel, expanding their protest zone after being cleared out of some other streets.

They outnumbered the police officers, who later returned with reinforcements to clear the area.

Local television broadcast live footage of the operation and its aftermath, with officers taking away many protesters, their hands tied with plastic cuffs, and pushing others out to a nearby park.

The student-led protesters are now into their third week of occupying key parts of the city to pressure the Asian financial hub's government over curbs recommended by Beijing on democratic reforms.

Positions on both sides have been hardening since the government called off negotiations last week, citing the unlikelihood of a constructive outcome given their sharp differences.

The protesters want Hong Kong's deeply unpopular Beijing-backed leader, Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying, to resign. They also want the Hong Kong government to drop plans for a pro-Beijing committee to screen candidates for the inaugural election to choose his replacement.

Leung has said there is "almost zero chance" that China's government will change its rules for the election, promised for 2017. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A protester cries after police removed barricades that protesters had set up to block off main roads in the Central district in Hong Kong Tuesday. VINCENT YU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Student website

Hacker posts support for ISIS

The University of New Brunswick Student Union says its website was hacked Monday after messages in support of the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) were posted in place of its usual content.

Student president Greg Bailey said the problem was noticed Monday evening and it took the website provider about two hours to correct.

Police are investigating.

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Quebec

Woman gets jail for stealing baby

A 21-year-old Quebec woman was sentenced to prison on Tuesday after pleading guilty to kidnapping a newborn from a maternity ward.

The Crown and defence agreed to a 31-month sentence for Valerie Poulin Collins. With time already spent in detention, she has two years less a day to serve in a provincial prison.

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Censorship. China bans books by those backing 'political dissent'

Authorities in China have ordered books by Chinese-American scholar Yu Ying-shih to be removed from sale, as Beijing expresses its displeasure with writers showing support for pro-democracy movements in Hong Kong and elsewhere, bookstores and publishers said.

The ban, which has been widely reported on Chinese social media, also restricts the publication or sale of books by several other authors, including liberal economist Mao Yushi and Taiwanese writer Giddens Ko.

The directive is believed to have been issued by the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television, a government regulator, but such directives are usually issued orally and almost impossible to be confirmed directly.

"It appears that Yu has been the primary target, as we have been told his books by two major publishing houses must be removed from the shelves," a bookstore manager in the city of Ningbo said Tuesday on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

In Beijing, two of three major bookstores said they no longer carried Yu's books.

While not confirming the ban, the state-run Global Times newspaper sought to explain why the authors might have been targeted in an editorial Monday.

"Some of the aforementioned authors are not citizens of the People's Republic of China but are passionate about China-related politics, openly supporting the Occupy Central movement by Hong Kong opposition or Taiwan independence," the editorial read. "Some are mainland scholars but have long opposed mainstream political views and values. Instead, they are promoting the culture of 'political dissent.'"

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"Yu Ying-shih is a sensitive scholar. We tried hard ... to publish his works earlier this year. We are so sorry about the ban."

An unnamed publisher quoted by the Hong Kong-based China Morning Post

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Steenkamp family rejected $34K from Pistorius: Lawyer

Oscar Pistorius offered $34,000 to the family of girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp after he killed her, but they rejected it because they did not want "blood money," a prosecutor said Tuesday at the sentencing hearing for the double-amputee athlete.

Chief prosecutor Gerrie Nel also referred to separate monthly payments of $550 that Pistorius apparently did make to Steenkamp's parents after they asked for help. Nel said those would be paid back in full.

The revelations emerged while Nel was cross-examining a social worker over what Pistorius's punishment should be for shooting Steenkamp. The social worker testified that Pistorius should be placed under house arrest, rather than sent to prison, after his conviction for culpable homicide, or negligent killing.

Social worker Annette Vergeer, one of four witnesses called by the defence, said South African jails are violent and overcrowded and that the athlete would be under duress because of his disability and fragile mental state resulting from the night he fired four times through a bathroom door in his home, killing Steenkamp. Pistorius testified he mistook her for an intruder and denied prosecution assertions that he shot her during an argument.

Oscar Pistorius leaves North Gauteng High Court on Tuesday in Pretoria, South Africa. CHARLIE SHOEMAKER/GETTY IMAGES

Additionally, Vergeer said, Pistorius has the potential to be a productive member of society again. A sentence of house arrest and work at a school for disabled children would be more appropriate, she said.

Prison "will not assist him but will break him as a person," she said.

Nel challenged Vergeer, saying her knowledge of the South African prison system was limited and out of date. He also asked why she didn't mention in her report on Pistorius that she knew the family of the woman he killed had turned down money.

Outside the courtroom, a lawyer for Steenkamp's parents said they had asked him to contact Pistorius's attorneys weeks after the Feb. 14, 2013, shooting because they were struggling financially. Pistorius offered them monthly payments and asked they be kept confidential, Steenkamp lawyer Dup de Bruyn said.

Yet Steenkamp's mother June referred to the other offer of $34,000 that the family rejected as "blood money" and asked prosecutor Nel to call it that in court, de Bruyn said.

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Ottawa. National Defence to review policy forcing wounded out of military

Almost a year after facing a barrage of bad publicity, National Defence is having another look at a policy that ended the careers of gravely injured soldiers who wanted to remain in uniform.

Defence Minister Rob Nicholson has told a House of Commons committee that a working group was set up last summer to study the military's universality-of-service rule, which has been used as a pretext to release wounded combat veterans, many of them with post-traumatic stress.

At stake is the delicate balance between an individual's desire to serve and the need for troops to be fit enough to deploy for operations both at home and abroad, Nicholson said in a seven-page letter to the Commons defence committee.

"This working group is examining how the policy can be best applied to retain individuals who are willing and able to serve, while also ensuring the necessary availability of all Canadian Armed Forces personnel to perform their lawful military service," he said.

"Once this work is complete, the working group will provide recommendations to the chief of military personnel."

The defence committee conducted a study of care for ill and injured soldiers, and recommended last June that the policy be examined in light of complaints from soldiers who were summarily dismissed after pleading to remain.

Nicholson's response to the committee's overall report was quietly tabled in Parliament late last week.

He said the working group carrying out the study will also examine the impact of the policy on the military pension system. Many ex-soldiers told The Canadian Press last year that they were being released before they qualified for an unrestricted pension.

At the time, Nicholson told the Commons that no one was being forced out and that the department worked with every individual to prepare them for the transition to civilian life.

But he was contradicted by troops, who said despite the minister's assurances, they had been shown the door on a medical release even though they had begged to retrain for other jobs within the military.

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A doctor keeps a pedestrian away from the JFK Ebola treatment centre in Monrovia, Liberia. The World Health Organization raised its Ebola death toll tally Tuesday to 4,447 people, nearly all of them in West Africa, out of more than 8,900 believed to be infected. JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES

WHO predicts 10,000 new cases of Ebola every week

World Health Organization. The UN agency warns of grim situation if world's response to the crisis isn't stepped up

West Africa could face up to 10,000 new Ebola cases a week within two months, the World Health Organization warned Tuesday, adding that the death rate in the current outbreak has risen to 70 per cent.

WHO assistant director-general Dr. Bruce Aylward gave the grim figures during a news conference in Geneva. Previously, the agency had estimated the Ebola mortality rate at around 50 per cent overall. In contrast, in events such as flu pandemics, the death rate is typically under two per cent.

Acknowledging that Ebola was "a high mortality disease," Aylward said the UN health agency was still focused on trying to get sick people isolated and provide treatment as early as possible.

He told reporters if the world's response to the Ebola crisis isn't stepped up within 60 days, "a lot more people will die" and health workers will be stretched even further. Experts say the epidemic is doubling in size about every three weeks.

WHO raised its Ebola death toll tally Tuesday to 4,447 people, nearly all of them in West Africa, out of more than 8,900 believed to be infected. Aylward said calculating the death rate means tracking the outcomes of all possible patients — a complicated process since the numbers of cases are substantially underreported and much patient data is missing.

Health workers have been hit hard by the virus, which is spread by contact with bodily fluids like blood, vomit and diarrhea. Doctors Without Borders said 16 of its employees had been infected with Ebola and nine of them have died.

Speaking Tuesday in Johannesburg, the head of the charity's South Africa unit, Sharon Ekambaram, said medical workers have received woefully inadequate assistance from the international community.

"Where is WHO Africa? Where is the African Union?" said Ekambaram. "We've all heard their promises in the media but have seen very little on the ground."

For the last month, there's been about 1,000 new Ebola cases per week — including suspected, confirmed and probable cases, Aylward said. The UN agency was aiming to get 70 per cent of Ebola cases isolated and 70 per cent of victims safely buried by December to reverse the outbreak. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In numbers

4,447

The World Health Organization raised its Ebola death toll tally Tuesday to 4,447 people, nearly all of them in West Africa.

U.S.-Ebola case

Nina Pham, 26.
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Texas nurse says she's doing well

The Texas nurse who became the first person to contract Ebola on American soil said Tuesday that she is doing well as her hospital expressed optimism about her recovery.

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas released a statement on Nina Pham's behalf Tuesday. The comments were her first since she became infected with Ebola while caring for a man from Liberia who later died of the disease.

"I'm doing well and want to thank everyone for their kind wishes and prayers," Pham said.
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Donation

Facebook CEO, wife giving $25M to fight Ebola

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, are donating $25 million US to the CDC Foundation to help address the Ebola epidemic.

The money will be used by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Ebola response effort in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone and elsewhere in the world where Ebola is a threat, the foundation said Tuesday.

The grant follows a $9-million donation made by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen last month. Zuckerberg and Chan are making the grant from their fund at the non-profit Silicon Valley Community Foundation.
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Facebook president and CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, are donating $25 million US to the CDC Foundation to help address the Ebola epidemic, the foundation said Tuesday.
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Weary-looking Toronto Mayor Rob Ford casts advance ballot

Battling cancer. Ford said he is returning for another round of chemotherapy on Oct. 29 — two days after the election

A weary-looking Rob Ford cast his ballot today as advance polls opened ahead of the Toronto municipal election.

Ford, who is between chemotherapy treatments for a rare and aggressive form of cancer, says he wanted to support his brother Doug Ford's bid for the mayor's job.

Speaking to reporters outside the polling station, the mayor said he is tired and feeling "not very good."

He said he is returning for another round of chemotherapy on Oct. 29 — two days after the election.

Ford pulled out of the mayoral race after being admitted to hospital last month and has been campaigning for his former council seat.

His brother then announced he would run for mayor, saying he wants to continue the work they began four years ago.

"My brother's going to be the best mayor the city's ever had," Rob Ford said.

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"My brother's going to be the best mayor the city's ever had."

Rob Ford, referring to his brother Doug

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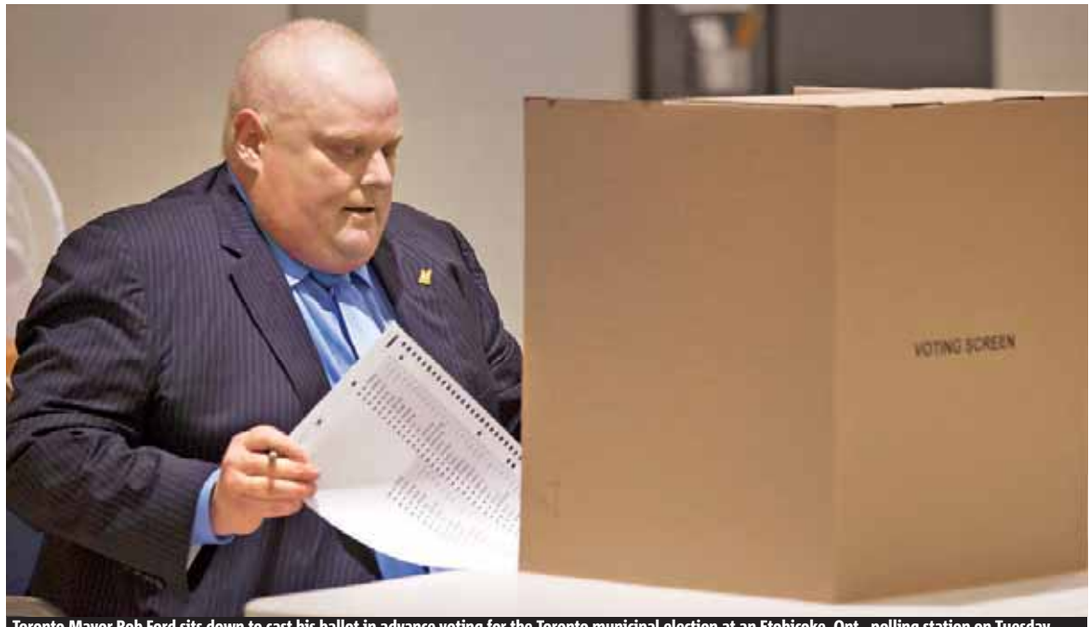

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford sits down to cast his ballot in advance voting for the Toronto municipal election at an Etobicoke, Ont., polling station on Tuesday.

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Biologist describes grisly video at Magnotta trial

Luka Rocco Magnotta is pictured in Berlin, Germany, in a court photo.

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CAUTION: GRAPHIC CONTENT.

A forensic biologist has told the jury in Luka Rocco Magnotta's first-degree murder trial in Montreal that after watching a so-called murder video, she was able to know where to look for blood stains that turned out to be Jun Lin's.

Jacinthe Prevost said she watched the video twice — once before entering Magnotta's apartment for the first time and once before examining the evidence.

Prevost examined blood stains found throughout the apartment and on exhibits seized by police at the crime scene.

The jury has not yet seen the video but has been told of its existence.

"They (investigators) told me what it was briefly and they asked if I wanted to see it and I said 'yes,'" she testified Tuesday.

Prevost described what she could remember of the video: a body lying prone on a bed and someone wearing a hoodie who appears to be stabbing the victim with a sharp object.

Later, there is an attempt to masturbate using a severed right arm as well as anal penetration on a mutilated corpse.

Prevost said a small black dog can be seen chewing on a severed limb while, in other sequences, there were various images of a severed arm in the freezer.

She said she was struck by how few items were found in the bachelor apartment.

"The apartment was empty, it was a semi-furnished with no personal effects," Prevost said.

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At a glance

- Luka Rocco Magnotta, 32, has pleaded not guilty to five charges in Jun Lin's murder and dismemberment in late May 2012.
- Magnotta has admitted to the acts he's accused of in Lin's death, but is arguing he is not criminally responsible by way of mental disorder.

En route to Paris

Unruly passenger forces jet to land in N.L., police say

The RCMP say an Air France flight en route to Paris made an unexpected stop in Newfoundland because of an intoxicated and unruly passenger.

The Mounties say the Boeing 777 touched down safely at Gander International Airport on Sunday shortly after 10 p.m. after taking off from New York. Police allege a passenger refused to follow instructions from the flight crew and the captain felt the woman posed a safety risk to other passengers. Officers boarded the aircraft when it landed in Gander and arrested a 65-year-old American woman.

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California

Lawmaker hopes to rename tunnel after Robin Williams

California lawmaker Marc Levine said he plans to introduce a resolution to rename a tunnel north of the Golden Gate Bridge after the late comedian Robin Williams.

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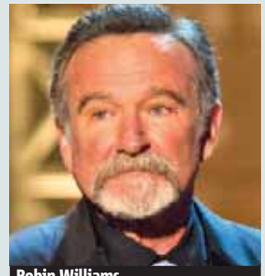

Robin Williams

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Honolulu International

Passenger arrested for sexual assault aboard plane: FBI

A Japan Airlines flight had to return to Honolulu after a male passenger sexually assaulted a female passenger in the airplane's bathroom, the FBI said.

FBI agents arrested Michael Tanouye, 29, Saturday night at Honolulu International Airport for interfering with a flight crew and aggravated sexual assault aboard an aircraft.

The flight was en route to Kansai International Airport when Tanouye forced his way into a bathroom and sexually assaulted a woman, according to an FBI affidavit.

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Tweeting in French

#MakePayment

In France, Twitter users can now publicly repay debts, donate to charity or chip in for a gift with a new payment service backed by the country's second-largest banking service. Users tweet a payment request to S-money, which then requires an authentication code before sending the amount.

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Arthur Budovsky

Liberty Reserve founder enters not guilty plea

Arthur Budovsky, founder of payment processing company Liberty Reserve, made his first appearance in a U.S. courtroom Tuesday, pleading not guilty to charges that his online bank laundered billions for criminals.

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Canadians pay too much for generic drugs: Study

'Grossly deficient.'
Provinces, territories faulted for establishing a set price ceiling at 18 per cent of the cost of brand-name drugs

A new study has found that Canada is still paying far more than other industrialized countries for generic drugs, despite recent efforts by the provinces and territories to cuts costs by bulk-buying six particularly costly medications.

The study by the University of Ottawa and the Bruyere Research Institute says the price tags on the six drugs remain much higher in Canada than they are elsewhere. It adds that while Canadians are saving some money under the bulk-purchasing scheme, they're still spending much more than people in the U.K., Germany, New Zealand, Sweden and the United States. The study, published Tuesday, faults the provinces and territories for establishing a set price ceiling for generics at 18 per cent of the cost of brand-name drugs, adding the bulk-buying efforts remain "grossly deficient."

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Bulk-purchasing scheme

In April 2013, the provinces and territories reached an agreement at a Council of the Federations meeting to pay lower prices for the six drugs — amlodipine, atorvastatin, omeprazole, rabeprazole, ramipril and venlafaxine — by buying them in bulk.

COURT BAILIFF SALE OF LAND

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia between COSTCO WHOLESALE CANADA LTD. (Petitioner) and ANNU RADHA NAYYAR, ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, THE MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (Respondents).

By virtue of an Order issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia dated the 27th day of May, 2014, entered on the 28th day of May, 2014 Vancouver Registry No.S140482 before the Honorable Master Taylor, I will sell by sealed tender, all of the interest of ANNU RADHA NAYYAR, the Judgment Debtor (the judgment(s) amount(s) of $161,668.59 plus costs and any interest accrued up until the selling date), in the following lands and premises, located at 7710 - 116th Street, Delta, British Columbia, more particularly known and described as PID 008-676-160 Lot 575 Section 24 Township 4 New Westminster District Plan 39954, for cash without upset price.

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JUST SAYIN'

Paul Sullivan
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If you're looking for a surefire way to get your doctor to snort and roll his/her eyes, start a sentence with "I looked it up on the Internet ..."

And by the time you get to "... and it turns out I have a rare form of terminal acne," he/she will be rolling on the floor disabled by derisive laughter.

Doctors believe, not without justification, that the Internet is a cesspool of medical misinformation. But we use it because it's there. It may take two years to get an appointment with Canada's foremost dermatologist, but there's no shortage of acne experts ready with free advice online 24-7.

So the news that Google is testing a program that allows you to talk to a real doctor via online video is more than good news for people with spots.

It looks like the next big thing.

Let's see. You have a boo-boo. You go to your GP, wait for at least an hour over the appointed time. You finally get into the examining room, and if it's a complicated boo-boo, he refers you to a specialist. You wait two months, and then go see the specialist, who sends you for a bunch of tests. Then someone books the followup visit.

If you're lucky and you're still alive, maybe you'll get treated for the boo-boo, and maybe relief will follow. Accumulated time: feels like forever.

So imagine tapping "boo-boo" into Google, and connecting to a medical expert who diagnoses your problem right away, just by looking at it. "That's a boo-boo, all right." He sends you to a pharmacy to get the medicine. Relief! Accumulated time: hardly any.

Of course, there are many ailments that actually require tests and deeper exams, but think of all the anxiety diseases a Google doctor program could address, freeing up real health care for people who need it.

In typical Google manner, this program was launched without fanfare. Some guy tapped "knee pain" into Google, and got an offer to connect with a doctor for free (for now). The way Google works, it could well be closed without fanfare by the time you read this piece.

But it's such a good idea that you wonder why it hasn't happened sooner. And if Google doesn't disrupt health care, there are rumours that Facebook is working on its own program. All your friends could "like" your diagnosis.

As with so many other industries that have been rendered obsolete by technology — just like that — there's a sense of inevitability about this. I'm sure there are at least a million reasons why the medical professions and governments that fund them will decide that online doctor programs are bad for your health. But there are too many ways to connect over the Internet and circumvent the bureaucracy. It will happen.

Talk about Doctors Without Boundaries.

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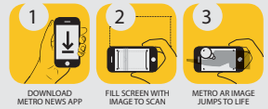

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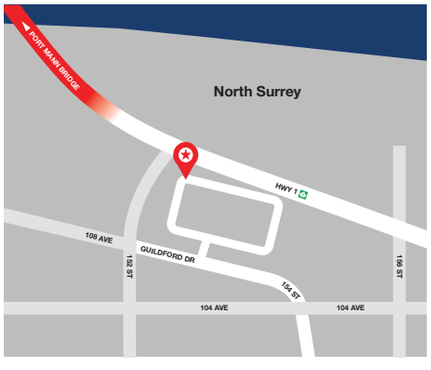

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Putting a real Tiger in tank film

Bona fides. Fury is latest flick obsessed with authenticity, using genuine Second World War combat vehicles

IN FOCUS
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Fury, the new Second World War film starring Brad Pitt and Shia LaBeouf, is being called the most realistic war film of all time. The story of a U.S. 2nd Armored division tank rolling through Germany in the final days of the war is as authentic as director David Ayers could make it.

Actors were put through their paces at a week-long boot camp, living and sleeping inside tanks. Then there were the tanks themselves. Borrowed from collectors all over the world, Fury is the very first time a genuine Tiger 1 tank has been used in a Second World War film.

Onscreen authenticity has been the goal of many directors. As Michael Cimino once said, "If you don't get it right, what's the point?"

Cimino, director of Heaven's Gate and The Deer Hunter, is a stickler for detail. For a scene in a Chinese eatery in Year of the Dragon, the director hired the Shanghai Palace Restaurant to supply the meals that dotted the tables. Cimino not only wanted to create the look but also the vibrant atmosphere (complete with food smells) of a bona fide restaurant. To that end chefs worked round the clock, whipping up 100 plates at a time, using 500 eggs rolls and hundreds of pounds of chicken, beef, shrimp and vegetables. "If the food got cold we had to throw it away," said chef Charlie Wu. "The food doesn't look good when it is cold."

Any other director would have done the Nut Room scene in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory with computer-generated imagery, but Tim Burton decided he wanted a more lifelike approach. To make sure the scene looked as real as possible, animal trainer Steve Vedmore spent 10 months training 40 real squirrels to crack and sort nuts on a conveyor belt.

Eric Schwab, the second unit director on Bonfire of the Vanities, was asked to grab a shot of the Concorde landing in New York against the backdrop of the setting sun. Schwab spent months studying the rotation of the Earth and the flight path of the plane to capture the perfect, pure moment when the sun framed the landing aircraft.

Finally, it's not just live-action movies that go to extreme lengths for authenticity. The creators of Monsters Inc. individually animated each of giant fuzzball Sully's 2,320,413 hairs to make them look as lifelike as possible. Every frame featuring the character took 11 hours to render.

Logan Lerman CONTRIBUTED

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Nut Cracker Sweets

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Number of real squirrels an animal trainer spent 10 months training to crack and sort nuts on a conveyor belt for the Nut Room scene in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Spar for the course

No pulling punches for this cast

To hear Logan Lerman tell it, working for director David Ayer is its own brand of harrowing. Prep for the Second World War tank drama started with a few weeks of boxing — the cast sparring with each other, their director encouraging them not to hold back. But it's all for the movie, right?

When did you realize the training would involve actually boxing with your co-stars?
Right after I got the role, it was, "Now you're going to start fighting." It was pretty casual at first, and then the guys came in and we really started fighting each other. It got intense in there. And it was a total battle of the egos. It was just who was top dog and, "Now we're going to fight each other and see who's the dominant male." That's kind of similar to what the movie was.

That sounds like a terrifying work environment.
It was tough. And I was the young guy, the inexperienced one ... So yeah, it was a pretty tough year. It was a tough year, man.

How are you feeling now?
I'm great now, man. The movie's over!

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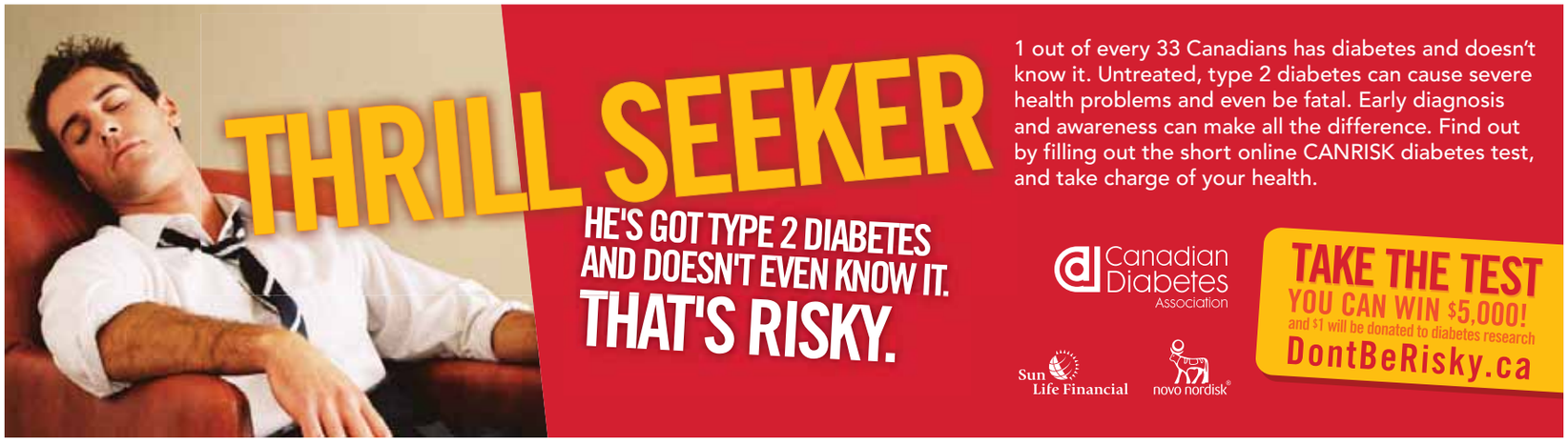
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Apocalyptic numbers

Walking Dead top audience draw for cable TV show

The Nielsen Company says the 17.3 million people who watched the fifth season opener of The Walking Dead Sunday is a record both for the show and for a cable television program.

Nielsen said that represented the biggest audience ever for a single non-sports program on cable TV. The AMC drama beat its previous record audience of 16.1 million for the fourth season opener last October.

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Chad Coleman and Sonequa Martin-Green in The Walking Dead. AMC

Avatar Secrets

Episode Two: Courage

Ramona logs into the game to venture onto her first quest. She almost quits when she is prompted to kill a beast — this is not what she signed up for. "We still treat the Internet as if it's this really dangerous place, when it's just our imagination," says Jesse Hirsh, founder of The Academy of the Impossible. Scan this photo for a video of Hirsh talking about how our imagination impacts our view of online.

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Shedding a little light on adult ADHD

October is a month dedicated to awareness about one of the most common mental health issues in Canada, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or ADHD. It may be common, however it is still a highly stigmatized and misunderstood disorder and one that can have an extreme impact on the more than four per cent of Canadian adults that are living and working with ADHD.

Often thought of as a condition that predominantly affects young children, the stark reality is that many adults in Canada suffer from negative symptoms associated with ADHD, such as distractibility, forgetfulness and procrastination, just to name a few.

These symptoms have dramatic impacts in the workplace that are far reaching beyond the individual and employer — socially, economically, and professionally.

According to the Centre for ADHD Awareness Canada (CADDAC), more than 90 per cent of Canadian adults with ADHD remain untreated, mainly due to lack of awareness of the condition and knowledgeable physicians. Heidi Bernhardt, president and executive director at CADDAC, explains how untreated adults can spend their lives struggling: "it is incredibly difficult for someone who is living with ADHD, to implement strategies and access treatment if they are unaware of the disorder or how it may impact their functioning."

Award winning comedian and actor, Rick Green, who was diagnosed with ADHD as an adult, candidly speaks about his ADHD traits and how they were both beneficial and detrimental to his career.

"I could write, direct and produce a TV show, yet couldn't find my car keys every morning. I could sit down and create a brand new television series in an hour but after four days, barely started my tax return."

As part of the awareness activities this month, CADDAC is looking to elevate the issue of ADHD in the workplace and encourage an open dialogue between employees and employers. Often when the employee and employer work together to put simple strategies and accommodations in place, it becomes a win-win scenario for both.

"For me, getting the diagnosis of ADHD was transformative because suddenly I understood why I struggled with some pretty simple things. I think more than any other mental health issue, education about ADHD is crucial — when I started to deal with my ADHD, life got so much easier."

Actor Rick Green CONTRIBUTED

"If you are suffering, it could be needless suffering."

For more information on ADHD in adults and the annual educational conference in Vancouver on Nov. 1 and 2, visit: caddac.ca.

Britpop. Noel Gallagher to release new solo album

Noel Gallagher, who along with brother Liam was part of the chart-topping group Oasis until their acrimonious 2009 split, announced on Monday he would release a new solo album in March.

The album, Chasing Yesterday, will be his third solo effort after The Dreams We Have as Children in 2009 and Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds in 2011.

The British pop bad boy, who was the main songwriter and guitarist for Oasis, also announced a European tour in March 2015.

It will begin with shows in British cities before moving to the European continent with dates planned in Paris, Milan, Copenhagen and Brussels.

The announcement of the new album is likely to further dampen hopes of any Oasis reunion, following rumours that Noel may have made peace with his brother. **AFP**

British singer-songwriter Noel Gallagher. AFP FILE

Freakishly good showing

Jessica Lange stars in American Horror Story. FX

American Horror Story has more terror in store

The American Horror Story series has been renewed for its fifth season, which will introduce fans to a new setting and plot in October 2015.

Just after premiering the fourth season, titled Freak Show, FX has picked up yet another cycle of the show. Some 6.1 million viewers tuned in live for the first episode on Oct. 8. When catch-up audiences are counted, the episode crossed the bar of 10 million viewers, an unprecedented figure for the American cable network. **AFP**

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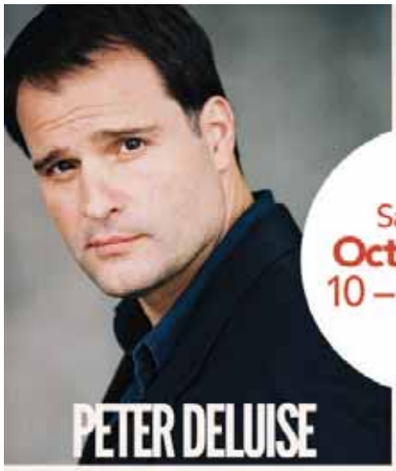

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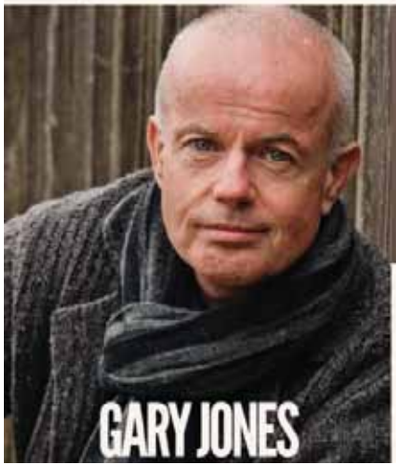

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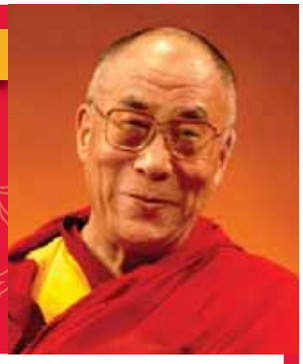

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Shia LaBum grabber: Actor comments on Cabaret chaos

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Metro in Hollywood

Shia LaBeouf is finally telling his side of the story about his arrest during a performance of Cabaret in June, and boy does he tell it well. The Fury star went into great self-deprecating detail about the ordeal — including the bit about him chasing a homeless man through Times Square — during a visit to Jimmy Kimmel Live.

It turns out that while intensely inebriated on far too much whisky after watching a World Cup match, LaBeouf was given a ticket to the show, starring Alan Cumming and Michelle Williams, by one of its dancers.

And it was all downhill from there, thanks in large part to a very seductive Cumming. "He's smoking a cigarette, so I think, 'Oh, it's that kind of party, I want to have a cigarette, too,'" LaBeouf recalls.

Then he noticed Cumming winking at him, so when the actor made his way through the audience, "All I'm thinking about is the leather pants and him winking at me, and he walks past me and I give him a slap on the ass because I think he deserves it. He's seducing me. I mean, he's the sexiest man I've ever seen. And I don't just slap it, I slap and grabbed him — like I grabbed a whole cheek because I wanted the party right here in my pants." And if you think that's good, you should hear how he describes jail.

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2. Tuck away a few dollars every week or every paycheque. See if your bank offers an automatic savings option.
3. Timing is everything. Travelling just before or after high season can lead to savings and some destinations offer deals during these low periods.
4. See if you can redeem any points collected on your credit card.
5. Consider spending your vacation locally — at a neighbouring community or a country inn or spa.
DOUG WALLACE/METRO

New

Expanded Air Canada flights

Air Canada has just announced its 2015 summer schedule, which includes a variety of new flights. Toronto to Amsterdam, usually only available in the summer, will operate year-round up to six times per week. The airline is also upping next summer's service to Paris to twice daily from Toronto and Montreal. And new Air Canada Rouge twice-weekly service will begin next May for flights between Montreal and Venice, and Vancouver and Osaka. TEXT: DOUG WALLACE, PHOTO: HOLLAND TOURISM

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Ink or Swim: Niche cruise will leave its mark on travellers

There's likely to be much leering and staring. At times, a bit of disrobing and probably some touching. But that's to be expected on the first tattoo-themed North American cruise that will set sail next year.

Tattoo lovers looking for both a novel vacation idea and a fresh tat may be interested in Ink or Swim, the latest thematic, hyper-niche cruise package to come out of the cruising industry. Produced by tattoo lifestyle magazine Rebel Ink, guests will be able to get inked onboard by some of the top tattoo artists in the U.S., including Tatu Baby from Spike TV's Ink Master; Amy Nicoletto on LA Ink; and Chris Torres, described as the "bad boy of the tattoo industry," known for his old-school style at Red Legged Devils in Brooklyn.

The tattoo-themed cruise will set sail on a five-day excursion from Fort Lauderdale to Cozumel, Mexico on Royal Caribbean's Liberty of the Seas.

And while the idea of a tattoo-themed cruise package may sound quite niche, Rebel Ink magazine's editor-in-chief Paul Gambino says it's estimated that about 20 per cent of Americans have at least one tattoo. Other activities will include beach parties, tattoo contests, bikini competitions, FlowRider surf simulator, musicals, casino and Burlesque shows. For more info visit inkorswimtattoocruise.com. STORY AND PHOTO: AFP

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There's plenty to pour over in Prague

Czech, please! This capital city is known for its party scene — come along and imbibe in the offerings at these swank bars

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Prague might be better known for beer, but it's full of spirit, too! ISTOCK

In the Pilsner's birthplace, where beer is cheaper than water and only quick reflexes will keep the waiter from slamming another pint on your table, it's hard not to order what the Czech call "liquid bread." But the Czech Republic has a storied history with spirits, too, particularly absinthe, and cocktail bars in the capital Prague are garnering worldwide attention for what their bartenders do with them. Pull up a stool at these three fine establishments.

Cloud 9 Skybar & Lounge

This Las Vegas-style bar atop a colossal Hilton is all about creating an experience, starting with a seductive automated voice welcoming you when the doors whoosh open. Through a long black marble gallery and into a swankily furnished room, you'll find founding mixologist Roman Uhlir stirring, shaking and straining over 50 cocktails, including 10 signatures.

Arrive between 6 and 9 p.m. and drink unlimited signature cocktails for less than $50. That includes Mystic, a refreshing vodka, lime and ginger creation with a touch of brown sugar, and Extravaganza, an icy gin mix softened by raspberries and a dose of mint.

But Charisma steals the show. A multi-sensory vodka and melon liqueur blend originally concocted for Czech photographer Jan Saudek, it's delicately sweet and bitter with subtle spiciness from a full-sized chili pepper perched on the rim. The menu includes five-step instructions for drinking Charisma ceremoniously, beginning by asking you to close your eyes and picture the most beautiful evening. Tempting, but what's more beautiful than this ninth-storey view of Old Town Prague?

OBLACA

Come to expect anything at OBLACA, a sci-fi room inside a futuristic-looking transmitter tower with creepy, faceless, giant baby sculptures crawling up the sides. The bar top, covered in funnels, beakers and bitters, leaves little room for the potions made on the other side of it. And that's not limited to drinks: Proteges of Achim Šipl, a world champion mixologist, make cocktail sorbets and amuse bouche samplers (if you're lucky, there's Screwdriver caviar on the tasting plate).

The cocktails are equally playful, turning classics contemporary with small innovations. Think earthy Cosmopolitans infused with Italian tea and Old Fashioneds billowing with orange steam. But it's not all gimmicks. The barkeep delivers an impeccable Rusty Nail made with seven-year-old Scotch. It's hard-nosed as it should be, yet clean as one can hope for. When you're having this much fun, you can drink into the night, but make sure you take a break before midnight to sit in a green-lit pod on the observatory floor.

Hemingway Bar

Lots of Prague businesses clamour for tourists' attention by adopting Franz Kafka's name, but this bar pays homage to the author of many American classics and drink recipes alike.

Dimly lit and classy, the cavernous Old Town space is decorated with framed Ernest Hemingway portraits, travelling Africa or with his polydactyl felines — which also get a tribute here. Six Fingers Cat is a blue agave cocktail that's smooth and smokey, with subtle flavours arising from six disparate ingredients, including rosemary, creme de cacao and dates.

For a well-rounded drink that goes down quickly, try English Mustard. Sweet and salty, it's Beefeater Gin, orange mustard and rose-lime cordial topped with a slab of cured bacon. But if you want something closer to dessert, you can't go wrong with a Pistachio and Black Currant Cosmopolitan.

And the suspender-wearing servers treat cocktails like meals, returning to gauge your satisfaction or whether you'd like it sourer or bitterer.

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Don’t let this meatball roll away

Honey Mustard Meatball Dinner Sub.

Personalize the dish by using ground chicken, pork, turkey or veal

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Ingredients

- 3 tbsp (45 ml) chili sauce or ketchup
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) dry seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp (5 ml) dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) dried thyme
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper
- 1 lb (454 g) extra lean ground beef
- 2 tsp (10 ml) canola oil
- 1 small onion, minced
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) honey mustard
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) water
- 6 small whole wheat sub buns
- 1 cup (250 ml) chopped lettuce
- 1 tomato, chopped

This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Meatballs are such a fun dinner option and can be really quick to make.

These meatballs have a unique flavour thanks to the addition of chili sauce.

This isn’t the spicy chili sauce you might add into your soup or pasta dishes but the sweet, almost ketchup-like sauce you find in the same aisle as barbecue sauce and ketchup.

You can change it up and use your favourite barbecue sauce or kicked-up ketchup.

Sometimes we have a refrigerator full of condiments and don’t know how to use them in cooking. A little bit goes along way when it comes to condiments, which are truly ideal for adding big flavour to a sandwich like this.

If you’re not up for a sandwich, you can simply serve them over some steamed rice.

1. In a large bowl, using fork stir together chili sauce, egg, bread crumbs, garlic, Worcestershire sauce, oregano, thyme and pepper until well combined. Add beef and mix together using hands to distribute evenly.

2. Using hands, roll meat mixture into about 30, 1-inch (2.5 cm) meatballs and place on parchment paper lined plate or tray.

3. Heat non-stick skillet over medium-high heat and brown meatballs, in batches if necessary, turning occasionally on all sides for about 8 minutes or until browned. Remove.

4. Wipe skillet with paper towel and return to medium heat and add oil and cook onion for about 5 minutes or until softened. Add mustard and water; return meatballs to skillet and toss to coat, stirring occasionally with sauce for 3 minutes or until meatballs are no longer pink inside.

5. Divide meatballs and sauce among sub buns and top with lettuce and tomato.

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I went from slipping up to packing up

Canned and confused. When can my work mistakes lead to termination?

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As an employment lawyer, I am often asked by employer and employee clients how many strikes an employee gets before they are out.

While there is a learning curve to every position and a host of actions an employer can take when a mistake is made, termination for making a mistake at work is always on the table. So when can mistakes end the employment relationship? While it depends on the circumstances, termination can occur:

When the mistake poses a safety risk to others

Take for example the case of an employee who leaves hazardous equipment on when leaving the workplace, thereby jeopardizing the well-being of his or her fellow employees.

While this can be an isolated incident, the court has held that the employer had reasonable grounds to dismiss the employee.

When the mistake is a breach of policy and results in damage to the employer

An employee caught breaching an employer's policy can be terminated as it is assumed that the employee has read and agreed to the terms of the policy.

Examples can include committing a criminal offence (there's a real case about an employee driving the employer's car while intoxicated); harassment/bullying/violence/discrimination; theft; and social media misconduct (insulting the boss online).

When an employee hides or denies their mistake

If a mistake is brought to your attention, your response can be a key factor as to whether termination is justified, even if the mistake itself is not serious enough for a termination. If you can show remorse and/or a plan to report your mistake, it can mitigate the need for a just cause termination. It is not a foregone conclusion that a mistake will lead to a termination and it is important to keep in mind that the following factors will be considered by an employer before pulling the trigger on a dismissal:

- Whether the mistake was accidental or intentional
- Whether the employee takes ownership of their mistake
- Whether the mistake irreparably harms the business, reputation, and functioning of the employer
- The employee's years of service; position; and the occurrence of similar mistakes
- The overall record of the employee

Even where the employment relationship is not terminated by the employer as a result of a mistake, the employer still has a number of options for discipline including warning letters and suspension.

It is, therefore, important to keep in mind that your employment relationship is compromised by the mistakes that are made and more importantly by the manner in which you respond to the errors.

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I've just been fired, but I'm trying to figure out why. ISTOCK

One mistake too many

Termination can also occur when the errors pile up:

- One mistake may not irreparably harm the employment relationship, but several errors may eventually warrant dismissal.
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The washroom ain't the water cooler

Dear Metro,
I have a co-worker who uses the women's washroom as her personal spa. It seems like every time I go in there, she's in there too — fixing her makeup, talking on her phone, or just hanging out. Sometimes she even starts conversations with me while I'm in the stall. I don't want to be rude, but a little privacy would be nice. How can I get some alone time?
— Let Me Pee

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Dear LMP,
This sounds like a clash of comfort zones. You want solitude; she wants girl time. You want to urinate; she wants to congregate. It's a tricky one: Your office bathroom is a public space, after all. And while many of your colleagues may be cool with on-the-can chit-chat, it's fair if you're not.

If the whole topic makes you shy, scout alternate facilities. Are these the only stalls in your workplace?

Maybe there's a secluded bathroom on another floor where you can sneak off for an audience-free pee. A low-traffic toilet in close proximity would be a convenient fix.

And check your timing. Presumably this person does not, in fact, spend all day listening to her colleagues' bodily functions, but rather has a desk, a computer and work to do.

If she's within your line of sight, schedule your personal business when she's in her chair doing actual business.

The issue might not be that she lingers, but that your bladders are too much in sync. In that case, there's an easy way to avoid the mid-whiz catch-ups: just wait a bit.

Speaking to her — once you've re-zipped — is a more direct way to go. You can't tell her to get out, but you can let her know that you'd rather not discuss tomorrow's meeting while you're offloading this morning's coffee. This doesn't have to be tense.

Just say you need a sec, and will talk once you're finished. You could even turn it into a joke: Tell her your task requires fierce, unbroken concentration. Since she feels comfortable engaging you at such a sensitive moment, she likely considers you a friend. Which means she should be receptive to your concerns.

And if not, get aggressive: Drop your own stink bomb and flush her out of there. Then you'll get the place to yourself.

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What have you got under your sleeve?

Ink on the agenda.
As more workers get tattoos, some companies are easing their rules around visible body art

When Rob Dale decided to wear a short-sleeved dress shirt on a warm fall day, his choice of clothing didn't cross his mind until he arrived at a business breakfast event — and then he suddenly felt uncomfortable.

"I was conscious of the fact that my arms were covered in tattoos," recalled the Ottawa-based Dale.

"You didn't see any other tattoos. Most people were in some form of semi-casual business attire."

Dale had recently finished training to become a business coach and was attending a monthly breakfast hosted by the Orleans Chamber of Commerce.

"I was a new face in a room of about 80 owners ... With all of these tattoos, (I) felt quite like I was standing out."

As it turns out, Dale's inked arms were a point of interest for a tattooed gym owner, with whom he booked a meeting.

"He said, 'Well, actually, to be honest with you, the reason I decided to sit down with you is because I saw the tattoos and I knew you wouldn't be the normal, kind of clichéd business coach. I knew that there would be something unique about you.'

"And so in his case, it opened that door to having that conversation about coaching and all of that."

Dale, 47, said he has never had anyone tell him that they have an issue with, or are uncomfortable with, his tattoos.

"When I'm coaching a client and I'm meeting with them regularly ... they see such value in the coaching, the personality is what has connected us in that environment," he said.

"When I go in a short-sleeved shirt ... it's not even brought up. Or somebody will say, 'I didn't know you have tattoos. Don't they ever look great,' and ask me about them."

Still, Dale has made a conscious choice when meeting a prospect for the first time to wear a dress shirt and jacket — thus keeping them covered.

"I typically will do that with people, not because I think they'll have an issue with it, because 99 per cent of the time my experience has been that people don't really care," Dale said.

"But often times, first impressions go a long way, and I'm trying to establish trust. I just don't want it to be a hindrance."

As individuals from all walks of life get inked on conspicuous parts of their bodies, some companies are loosening the reins when it comes to workers keeping tattoos under wraps.

Hilary Predy, an associate vice-president with recruitment agency Adecco, said some organizations are being a "little more liberal" about accepting minor facial piercings, but many companies still have policies surrounding visible tattoos.

"We suggest that until you know what the acceptable standard is within that company, particularly for your interview, go with them covered. When you can see what's acceptable with other employees, you'll be able to judge what you'll be able to reveal. But for your first impression, you may want to be neutral," Predy said from Edmonton.

Ultimately, Predy said people should be hired according to what they bring to the company, based on their skills and experience.

"It is a partnership between the employee and the employer to find a median ground that is acceptable for both."

Danny Kastner, a lawyer who specializes in employment, labour and human rights law at Toronto firm Turnpenny Milne, said he'd advise companies against creating policies surrounding visible tattoos for a few reasons — the first being the potential screening out of "a whole host" of qualified candidates.

"Visible tattoos are ubiquitous these days, and there's an enormous part of the population — especially the younger population — who you are arbitrarily deciding you can't hire.

"And that's a great way to miss out on potential talent," he said.

"It may well have been the case ... that 25 years ago, having someone with a visible and unusual piercing would scare off potential customers in a retail business, for example.

"That's simply not the case anymore. And therefore what the company would be doing is unnecessarily limiting its talent pool, unnecessarily causing potential conflict with current employees all in pursuit of a policy that is extremely unlikely to actually advance its own business interests."

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Business coach Rob Dale says that in some professional situations, his tattoos have helped more than they've hindered him. SEAN KILPATRICK / THE CANADIAN PRESS

A colourful crew

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I'll take my Tims with some tats

Tim Hortons recently announced a revision to its dress-code policy to allow employees to have "visible, non-offensive tattoos" at the discretion of management.

- The move came after research started in the spring of 2013 to get a sense of workers' values and thoughts about the company. Focus groups were conducted with employees in Canada and the U.S., in addition to interviews with restaurant managers and owners, said Stephanie Hardman, vice-president of organizational development and Team Tim Hortons.
- "We got things that said, 'Let's allow for some self-expression.' Our owners said: 'We want to be sure we're attracting from the greatest pool of applicants that we can, so that we can, in fact, attract the best to serve our guests that we possibly can," Hardman said.

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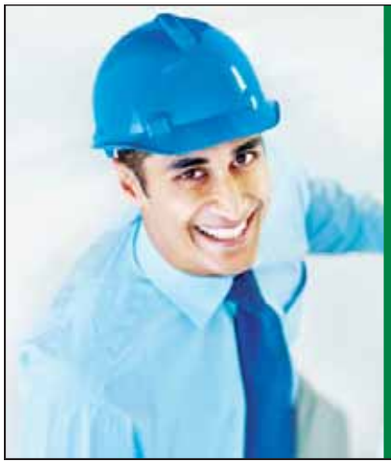
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Herdman tapping into Desjardins' expertise

NHL. Canadian women's soccer team coach dropped by Canucks practice to speak to players

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John Herdman, head coach of the Canadian women's soccer team, spoke to Vancouver Canucks players prior to practice at Rogers Arena on Tuesday. CAM TUCKER/METRO

John Herdman leads an accomplished coaching career, which includes helping guide the Canadian women's soccer team to bronze at the 2012 Olympics.

But there he was Tuesday morning, leaning over the boards at Rogers Arena, listening intently as Vancouver Canucks head coach Willie Desjardins explained a drill to his players, as they knelt on the frozen but chewed-up sheet of ice.

Herdman is still learning, still soaking in information from other coaches, including Desjardins.

"It's philosophy, really. I want to see how he organizes and structures his culture. That's the first thing," Herdman told reporters.

"I just wanted to see how he was interjecting with his team and you can feel the passion every time he speaks.

"I've come and given an hour of my time but certainly I'm learning from a guy with a lot more grey hair than me, who's been and seen a lot more than me. I'm hoping I can tap into Willie throughout the year now; I have a bit of a mentor there."

Herdman spoke to players before they took to the ice.

The opportunity to address the Canucks came through a connection Herdman has with president of hockey operations Trevor Linden.

The two have met before at previous charity events, said Herdman.

Herdman's message to the Canucks on Tuesday was more about passion and teamwork — necessary qualities no matter what sport a person plays.

"Like anybody that has such passion for what he does, it's infectious," said forward Chris Higgins, adding that outside of hockey, soccer is his favourite sport.

"You could certainly see how the women's soccer team responded to his personality and his drive."

The Canucks, off to a quick 2-0 start, don't play again until Friday, when they travel to Edmonton to face the Oilers.

Horvat close to returning

Bo Horvat skated on his own for about 25 minutes with skills coach Glenn Carnegie but didn't take part in the main practice.

- Horvat, 19, who was drafted ninth overall by the Canucks in 2013, hasn't played since Oct. 2 after getting injured in an exhibition game.

ALCS

Royals knocking on World Series' door

Billy Butler drove in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning, and the Royals' bullpen shut down the Baltimore Orioles the rest of the way for a 2-1 victory Tuesday night that gave Kansas City a commanding 3-0 lead in the AL Championship Series.

Third baseman Mike Moustakas made two marvelous plays as the Royals won their 10th straight post-season game, including all seven this year.

K.C. needs just one more win to reach their first World Series since 1985.

Game 4 will be played Wednesday night.

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NLCS

Giants ground Cardinals in extras

A wild throw by reliever Randy Choate on a bunt allowed Brandon Crawford to score the winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning, lifting the San Francisco Giants over the St. Louis Cardinals 5-4 on Tuesday for a 2-1 lead in the NL Championship Series.

With Crawford on second base, Gregor Blanco's bunt went to the left side of the mound and the left-handed Choate's sidearmed throw sailed past lunging second baseman Kolten Wong, who was covering first base.

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New coaching style heralds Sedins' return

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If you cheer for a Canadian team, you know unbridled optimism can get you hurt.

Excluding the Montreal Canadiens, how many Canadian squads have flown out of the gate only to break their fan bases' hearts in recent seasons? The 2013-14 Toronto Maple Leafs are the latest example.

For that reason, it's best not to go wild with excitement over Vancouver's 2-0 start followed by a cushy six-day layoff between games.

It's a long season, and it's not like the Canucks pummeled Chicago and L.A. When you open against Calgary and Edmonton, you had better start 2-0 if you want to be taken seriously as a playoff contender in the West.

Disclaimer aside, however, there is plenty to like about Vancouver's first two games — namely, the nature of the victories. A 4-2 win and 5-4 shootout win means eight goals.

Power-play force

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New Canucks Radim Vrbata and Linden Vey each have one power-play goal through the team's first two games.

The Canucks converted three of 10 power plays for a 30 percent efficiency, which is about double their full-season rate from 2013-14. It's worth noting this team went 8-2 and averaged more than three goals per game against the Flames and Canucks last season, but it's extremely encouraging to see the offence clicking in October. Especially because it's running through Henrik and Daniel Sedin.

It's clear the Sedins' talents weren't a natural fit for coach John Tortorella. His defensive system capped their creativity and stressed more defensive responsibility. He had them killing more penalties and starting fewer shifts in the offensive zone. And while Tortorella couldn't take all the blame for the Sedins' struggles by any means — Daniel hasn't been more than a 20-goal scorer for several seasons now — the coach and the twins were undeniably a square peg and a round hole.

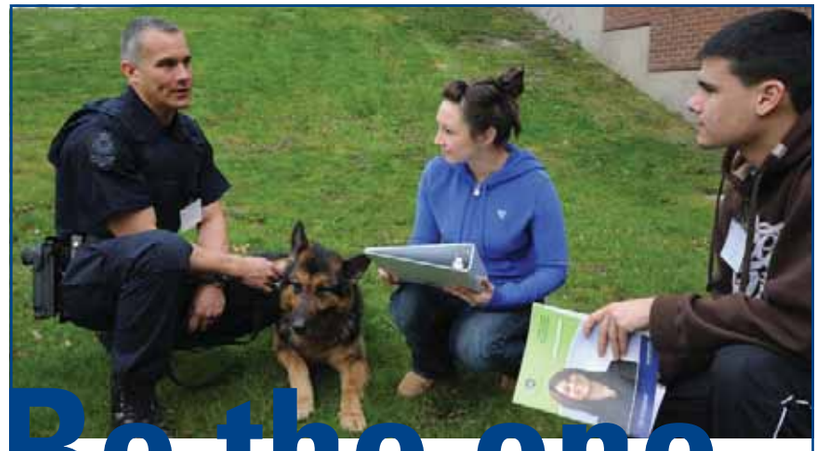
Enter Willie Desjardins, never an NHL head coach before but fresh off an American League crown with the Texas Stars. It's only two games, but he's already making the right moves by changing something from the Tortorella era: the offensive tempo.

Under Desjardins, the Sedins are back to playing fast-paced, possession-driven hockey, rather than the dump-and-chase game Tortorella preferred. And, so far, skilled right winger Radim Vrbata looks like a nice complementary piece.

The early returns are vintage: four points for each Sedin after two games. It appears Desjardins understands that high-performance sports cars are meant for racing, not off-roading.

If the trend continues and the Canucks continue to unshackle their offence, maybe this team will score a lot more in 2014-15.

If there's one trait Vancouver's scorers don't lack, it's speed.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2015 Subaru WRX

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel drive compact sports sedan
- **Engine.** 2.0-litre turbo-charged flat-four (268 hp)
- **Transmission.** Six-speed manual; continuously variable automatic (CVT)
- **Price.** $31,645 base, $35,445 as tested.

Market position

Compact sports sedan for auto enthusiasts. Less-expensive sibling of rowdier and more powerful WRX STI. Goes rallying in the hands of both factory and private race teams. As with all Subaru models, features "boxer" engine and full-time all-wheel drive, the latter now with torque vectoring for greater handling.

Points

- The WRX is based on the new-generation Impreza platform, which offers more interior room and refinement, and a stiffer chassis.
- All-new engine features direction injection
- First-ever 6-speed manual or Sport Lineartronic (CVT) automatic for the WRX.
- No longer available in a hatchback version.

The 2015 Subaru WRX features a cabin that is clean and classy.

Safety features

IIHS Top Safety Pick; seven airbags, including driver's knee bag; 4-wheel disc brakes with ABS, electronic brake force distribution and brake assist; stability and traction control; full-time all-wheel drive; engine immobilizer anti-theft system; whiplash-reducing front performance seats.

Power, poise set WRX apart

Review. The WRX is quick off the mark and quicker to please

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I got the keys to the 2015 Subaru WRX, and made my way quickly to the car, almost skipping. This was going to be good.

I jumped in and ... it's an automatic. Really? Come on!

I got over it quickly, though, as this is an awesome compact sports sedan — even with the continuously variable automatic transmission.

The new Sport Lineartronic CVT actually creates a new tone in the WRX pallet; slightly less involved, but better suited to everyday driving, like commuting and general schlepping.

The "manual" mode of the CVT allows you to select your own (simulated) gears, in six- or eight-gear allotments, with paddle shifters. But just letting the CVT do its own thing is also very satisfying.

With the prodigious torque (258 lb.-ft.) available from the new direct-injection, twin-scroll, inter-cooled and turbo-charged 2.0-litre engine, the WRX is a weapon you'll want to point and shoot, and often. A little muscle car if you will.

Subaru's WRX and WRX STI have never prioritized interior materials and design, but this generation features a cabin that is clean and classy, and shouldn't disappoint anybody.

I really like the new D-shaped steering wheel, the high-grip seat material, and 4.3-inch monitor, mounted top-centre on the dash, which displays turbo boost in a cool, virtual analogue gauge.

Some will lament that WRX is no longer available as a hatch model, but the rear seating area is significantly increased.

To my eyes, the new "aggressive" front look and "wide body" of the WRX perfectly matches what it can deliver. The scoop sculpted into the hood is lower and wider for better intake efficiency and driver stability — and looks killer.

The new 17-inch aluminum alloy wheels are said to add to the aerodynamic efforts, which also include front and rear spoilers and under-car elements. I thought the dark gun-metal wheels and dark grille really set off the crystal while pearl paint on my tester, which was the mid-level WRS Sport trim, which includes a trunk spoiler, sunroof, LED low beams and fog lights. You have to go to WRX Sport-tech if you want the navigation system.

Although the WRX STI has a direct competitor with the Mitsubishi Evolution, the base WRX is pretty much the only thing in its price and power class. The refinements and CVT option for the 2015 version make it even more distinctive.

It's an intriguing choice for an auto enthusiast who is looking for performance with a bit more livable personality for everyday use.

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Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

Diesel sports car set to make tracks

Lightweight materials, design, connectivity and new-energy cars are the most important automotive trends of 2014, concluded an expert panel of the world's top automotive writers at a recent forum in New York City. These trends form part of a bigger picture within the automotive industry, which a scientific study conducted by Prime Research has identified as the "smart efficiency cluster," driven by the downsizing of engines, significant weight reduction, improved aerodynamics and new energy powertrains, particularly plug-in hybrids. The latter is seen as the most promising electric drivetrain option moving forward, but the onset of premium electric vehicles — driven by the BMW i3 and Tesla Model S — are bringing pure electric vehicles back into the spotlight.

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Pure electric vehicles such as the BMW i8 may soon challenge hybrids as the green vehicle of choice.

Electric turbochargers lose the lag

German automaker Audi says it will put an electric turbocharger in its upcoming SQ7, which is a performance version of the next-generation 2015 Q7 sport-utility vehicle. Ulrich Hackenberg, Audi board member for technical development, told Autocar magazine that the SQ7 would likely be available sometime in 2016. The main advantage of driving a turbocharger with electricity rather than exhaust gases is the elimination of "turbo lag," the need to wait for a turbocharger to spool up and deliver its boost, explains the website Green Car Reports. An electric motor can spool up a turbocharger faster than recirculating the exhaust gases, benefitting both performance and fuel economy.

A typical turbocharger doesn't offer power until there's enough exhaust pressure to turn the impeller — creating a lag time.

Shift points

- The 2016 Mazda 2 will be offered with a range of engines, including a 1.5-litre diesel. The small diesel will generate 105 hp, but with 184 lb.-ft. of torque at 1,500 r.p.m.
- It took nearly 15 years, but Toyota has reached a milestone 100,000 hybrid vehicle sales in Canada. In fact, the company said that of all hybrids sold in Canada since 2000, more than three-quarters bore Toyota or Lexus badges.
- Tesla has made a big commitment in China, says Bloomberg. The automaker is working with China Unicom, the country's second-largest mobile communications carrier, to build 400 new charging points across 120 cities.

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Finding the perfect spot for all your toys

Driving Force. As drivers bring more gadgets into their vehicles, designers are adding more storage spaces and cubbyholes

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As priorities change for drivers and passengers, vehicle designers have to adapt storage compartments. JOHNSON CONTROLS

When you get into your vehicle, you're probably so used to putting your phone in one spot and your coffee in another that you don't even think about it.

But someone else has. In fact, a great deal of work goes into designing storage spaces inside automobiles.

"There's been a steady increase in the amount of stuff brought into the vehicle," says Renae Pippel, director of strategic research at automotive supplier Johnson Controls. "The ability to safely store those items has grown in importance over the years.

"As car designers, we've gotten better ... but there's still a high expectation for the vehicle to accommodate everything brought into it, and to do it safely and securely."

Although automakers do measure items such as drink cups to be sure they'll fit, there's a greater focus on the placement of storage cubbies and how occupants use them.

That's partly because of development times, since cars can take several years from initial design to production, and lag behind the faster development of larger phones and cups.

More importantly, reaching for items can't be a distraction for the driver, and passengers need to be able to grab things quickly and easily.

"It's how people interact that dictates where we put storage compartments or cubbies, and if they're covered or uncovered," Pippel says.

"Things need to be intuitive so you're not taking your eyes off the road."

There are always compromises, including when suppliers have to work with vehicle interior designers to get exactly the right combination of good looks with functionality.

The storage compartments in SUVs and minivans will differ from those of sportier cars, while domestic or Japanese manufacturers may emphasize cubbies or cupholders that European automakers might not.

Studies show that consumer preferences can differ not just in vehicle segments but in global regions, which can be tough for automakers that produce models sold in several markets.

For example, Chinese and European customers like to secure items rather than just toss them into open bins, while North American drivers prioritize holders for garage door openers.

Placement of storage spaces has also changed over the years.

"For a while, cupholders were right in front of the shifters," Pippel says. "You could put a cup there in Drive, but if you put it in Park it would hit it. That's dissatisfying to a customer.

"We talk to consumers about their vehicles, what influenced them on the vehicle initially and then what has fallen short, and how it will influence the next purchase. We are responding to the demands of the marketplace."

Cubby facts

- A worldwide study shows that most drivers think sunglasses are the most important item that needs to be within easy reach. Phones ranked second, then GPS units.
- Until the 1970s, most cars had almost no storage cubbies, so many people bought aftermarket cupholders and storage bins.
- Storage for books is still considered more important than for tablets or e-readers, but that's expected to change.

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Be flexible if you want to make the most of the next few days. As for the next 24 hours: What appears serious will have a fun side and what seems like a joke could have big consequences.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The planets are very much on your side at the moment but for best results you should not wait for things to happen, you should make things happen.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The task you have set for yourself may seem scary but if you have confidence in yourself and if you act as if you cannot lose it will be a great success.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Why have you been singled out for so much good fortune? Who cares. The fact is others are going out of their way to make life fun for you. Enjoy!

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You may not be that interested in what family and friends are up to today but you should get involved anyway. Today's Sun-Mars link means it will be more fun than you bargained for.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The message of the cosmos is clearn: Focus only on what you are good at. It does not matter if it has a practical application or if it is going to make you money, now or in the future.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Where would you like to be and what would you like to be doing if money were no object? Start working towards it today.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
As the Sun nears the end of one Scorpio solar cycle you must expect things to be a bit gray and glum but it's OK. A few days from now your fortunes will be transformed.

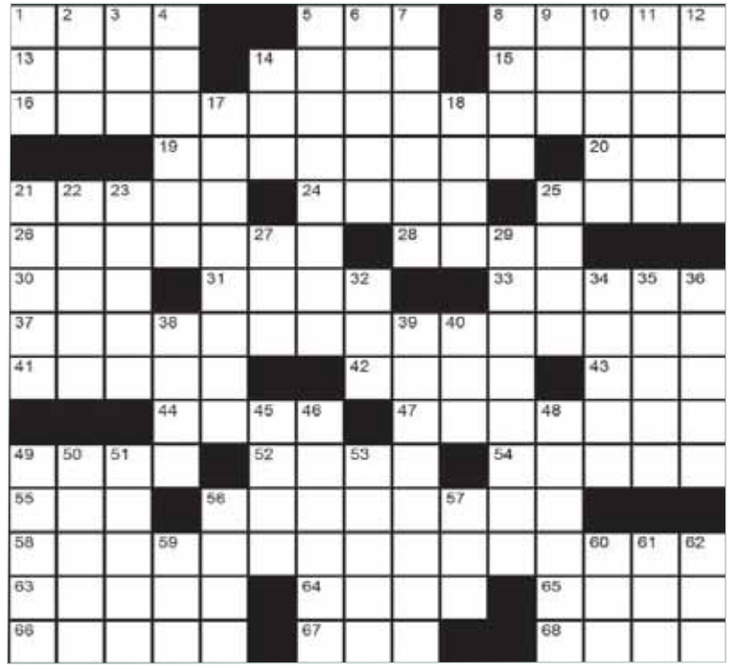
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will have to make a difficult decision over the next 24 hours but because you know without doubt what is right and what is wrong you will make it quickly and with a clear conscience.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
All work and no play is rarely a good idea and if you go down that route now you may look back later and wish you had been a bit more relaxed.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today's Sun-Mars link encourages you to be more outgoing, both on a one-to-one level with people you know intimately and with people you meet socially or at work.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Career matters are under good stars and if there are changes you need to make, now is the time. Take the initiative and make sure everyone can see you have talent and ambition.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



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24. Amphibious WWII vessels
25. Particular parrots
26. Claimed
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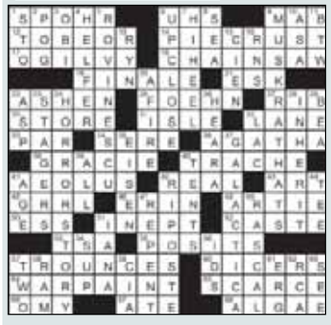
56. Was remembered from the auditions: 2 wds.
58. Why a concert might get cancelled: 3 wds.
63. 'Caligvla' is a 2012 album by what Canadian metal band?: 2 wds.
64. Actor William
65. House: Spanish
66. Computer administrator, e.g.
67. Canadian singer/actress Ms. Gryner
68. 'The' as 'Teh'

Down
1. Got [abbr.]
2. Paddle
3. Canuck financial inst.
4. Canadian comedy/music act, __ and Blue
5. Sonny & Cher: 2 wds.
6. Between midnight/noon times = _ _ __.
7. Canada: West and East
8. Not closed
9. __ Minerals (Makeup line)
10. Happened to happen
11. Miss Lotte __ of Bobby Darin hit "Mack the Knife"
12. Looks as though...
14. Bakery offering
17. "Canada's __ Person" on CBC
18. Model
21. En __ (All together)
22. Boot
23. Exclude
25. Didn't discard
27. Hmmms...
29. 79 A.D.: Pompeii's burier
32. Alphabetic sequence
34. Approximately, in dates
35. "Titanic" (1997) setting
36. Stuff the sofa again, say
38. Fewer
39. Big name in facial fillers
40. One of Switzerland's Four Forest Cantons
45. __ Spumante wine
46. Bell, in La Belle Province
48. Still in one piece
49. Under-sink tubes
50. __ glue
51. Commodities
53. Li'l Abner's surname
56. Cease
57. Giants slugger-of-legend Mel
59. Band, with Speedwagon
60. Set down
61. Particularly, puny-ly
62. __ Paulo, Brazil

Yesterday's Crossword



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3		9				6		5
7		2		9		8		1
			8		2			
		4	7		5	9		
		7	1		8	3		
			3		6			
9		6		1		4		3
8		3				1		2

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	9	1	7	6	2	5	8	3
6	3	2	5	8	9	1	7	4
7	8	5	1	4	3	2	9	6
2	1	7	3	9	8	4	5	8
3	5	4	8	2	7	9	6	1
8	6	9	4	5	1	3	2	7
5	2	8	6	3	4	7	1	9
1	4	6	9	7	5	8	3	2
9	7	3	2	1	8	6	4	5

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